Secret Societies - N

$230,000 PAID OUT BY MISSISSIPPI MASONS

Amount Expended Past Year by Order in Endowment Benefits

HAS A $19,000 BALANCE

Monthly Premiums on Insurance Policies Raised—Officers Re-elected—Order to Sell Timber Land.

12-19-11

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

YAZOO CITY, MISS., Dec. 12.—What was considered by all as the most important and beneficial session in the history of M. W. Stringer Grand Lodge of F. and A. Masons of the State of Mississippi was in Yazoo City last week. The report of Charles Banks, Secretary and Treasurer, showed an expenditure during the past year of $230,000 in the payment of endowment benefits, leaving a balance on hand of $19,000.

The monthly premiums on the insurance policies issued by the endowment department have been raised from $1 per month to $1.50, excepting the month of October, in which the premium is $2. The passage of this measure places the endowment department on a firm financial basis and was imperative because of the increasing high death rate. The large majority of the more thoughtful of the members of the order would have been satisfied with nothing less than a measure of this kind, for the endowment department is the pride of Mississippi Masons, hence, out of the thousand delegates present at this sitting, there were only three dissenting votes to the passage of this measure. It is conceded by all that the order will take on new life and large increase in the membership is confidently expected during the next twelve months.

The order owns one thousand acres of the best delta land in the State, on which stands four million feet of fine cypress, oak, ash and gum timber. It was agreed at this session to sell the timber to the highest bidder. The revenue accruing from this sale will be placed in the treasury of the endowment department.

Hon. Chas. Banks, Secretary-Treasurer, has set a new standard in making financial reports of this kind. A more complete, more convincing, more systematized, terse and business-like report has not before been presented to any body of this kind. It was subjected to the severest scrutiny by his few opposers, and even they now join with all others in the opinion that it was the financial genius of Mr. Banks that kept the financial department up to the standard during the past twelve months. His straightforward and fearless business methods have endeared him to the fraternity in Mississippi, and his re-election shows that his friends are determined to retain his service for the benefit of the order in spite of his expressed desire and efforts to resign and be relieved in order to devote his time to his other large financial interests.

Grand Master W. A. J. Morgan, Deputy Grand Master W. W. Phillips, Grand Secretary G. S. Goodman, Grand Senior Warden, B. F. Lacey, Grand Junior Warden J. J. Morant, Grand Treasurer D. W. Gary, Grand Secretary-Treasurer Chas. Banks, Dr. E. B. Topp, Editor of the *New Light*, and Business Manager T. G. Ewing were all re-elected for the next year. Grand Lecturers Jerre Blow and K. S. Benson were re-appointed.

The burial fund will hereafter be collected by the Grand Treasurer. The gavel was wielded with ability by Grand Master Morgan and Deputy Grand Master W. W. Phillips.

The oratorical features of the session were the replies to the welcome addresses by Grand Attorney, L. J. Winston and Hon. P. W. Howard.

The National Supreme Council of the Grand United T. E., Order D. and S. of St. Luke's, held its ninth annual convention at A. M. E. Zion Church October 18 to 20. Delegates were present in large numbers from Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Alex. J. Watson, N. S. G. T. M., presided. The meeting throughout was harmonious and much business of importance was transacted. The report of the treasurer showed a healthy financial condition. The Rev. R. M. Boulden preached the sermon on St. Luke's day. Fred R. Moore delivered the address of welcome. Others who spoke were Mrs. Priscilla Waters, C. B. Waters, Charles E. Holmes, Mrs. Lizzie A. Wilmore and Rev. R. M. Boulden. The Reception Committee was composed of Ida Dawson, president; Lizzie A. Wilmore, vice-president; Emma J. White, secretary; Mary E. Williams, treasurer; Julia M. Jones, assistant treasurer; Jane R. Thomas, Mary J. Golden members of councils. Fred R. Moore was elected an honorary member, initiated into the order and made a member of Mt. Sinai No. 8.

MOSAIC TEMPLARS OF AMERICA.

New York Age 10-5-11

It is a sincere pleasure to publish even as an editorial in THE NEW YORK AGE the following statement, which has been published over the signatures of two of the inspectors from the office of the Insurance Department of the State of Tennessee. It means much to the race to have such a splendid endorsement published regarding our fraternal or business organizations. The statement:

> Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 1, 1911.
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> To Whom It May Concern:
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> We, the undersigned, having been appointed and authorized by the insurance commissioner of Tennessee to examine the records and fully inspect the office of the National Order of the Mosaic Templars of America, especially so much as pertains to their conduct of Endowment business, take pleasure in stating that we have spent several days examining the entire effects of the office, and discover the following:
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> Immediately upon presentation of our credentials we were given absolute possession of all books, papers and records.
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> We find a full, well-equipped office, under capable, painstaking supervision.
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> The controlling officials, W. M. Alexander, N. G. M., and J. E. Bush, N. G. S., and Miss Leona Richmond, chief clerk, are deserving of special commendation as efficient in their several duties.
>
> The records are well kept, and exhibit a satisfactory knowledge of systematic bookkeeping.
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> So well is everything arranged, and so plainly recorded, we found ourselves enabled to satisfactorily check up the office covering a period of eighteen (18) months in much less time than we anticipated.
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> We discover that the funds are safely handled and minutely accounted for, and the exhibit of funds and assets are in keeping with the records thereof.
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> The order is commended as safe, sound and reliable, and the exhibits verify that it is perfectly solvent and worthy of trust and confidence and indications are that it is in the front rank of successful secret organization among our people.
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> The order has taken on a healthy growth, and bids fair to be among the largest in our country.
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> We subscribe names hereto,
>
> J. S. BOOKER.
> W. S. THOMPSON,
> Inspectors from Tennessee.

We recognize, of course, that this is an advertisement of the Mosaic organization and of our friends, W. M. Alexander, W. M.; J. E. Bush, N. G. S., and of their capable chief clerk, Miss Richmond.

The statement, however, is well worthy of being published in these columns, because that is what THE AGE is for—to encourage worthy enterprises among the Negro people of the United States. We hope that our fraternal organizations throughout the country will put their affairs in such shape as to deserve such commendation as the above.

Don't be ashamed to save the pennies; they make the dollars.

The Negro Democrats of New York City, and they are a large army, quarrel among themselves just like white Democrats over the spoils; but, we regret to say, on election day they bury the tomahawk, close up the ranks and vote the Democratic ticket.

Newly Elected Officers.

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Grand Worthy Secretary, . J. FRANK DOUGLASS, Roanoke, Va.
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NEGRO MASONS ELECT OFFICERS AT TUSKEGEE

All Night Session Is Held for the Purpose

Mont Adv. 8-18-11

GREGORY HEADS ORDER

Alabama Grand Lodge Endorses Resolution Asking That a Law Be Passed Allowing Order to Purchase Farm For Training of Children of Masons.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Aug. 17.—The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (colored) of Alabama, opened their third day's session at 2 o'clock this afternoon in the assembly room of Huntington 'Memorial' building, Grand Master James T. Gregory, presiding.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Solomon Derry, of Montgomery. The journal of the previous session was read by Recording Secretary Hendley.

All Night Session.

The Grand Lodge had been in session all night until 6:15 o'clock this morning, which accounts for the late opening of the day's meeting.

According to the rules, all officers must be elected Wednesday.

Beginning a few minutes after 7 o'clock last night there was a perfect flow or oratory by speakers nominating their favorite candidates for the various offices. The interest in the election was intense and did not abate until the last candidate was landed at sunrise this morning.

Nominating Addresses

Eloquent nominating speeches were made by Nathan H. Alexander of Montgomery, R. B. Hudson of Selma, Rev. P. W. White of Georgiana, William Fields, Captain Caffey, W. T. Gravott, A. A. Peters, Dan Watson, L. R. Day, Professor McConico, Professor George Owens, McLaughlin of Mobile, J. C. Cooper, D. E. Allmann, L. Swanson, Dr. W. H. Mixon, P. T. Mitchell, Rev. Silas Jones, J. T. Daniels, B. J. Harrison, W. H. McAlpine, and others.

While considerable excitement prevailed at times, all the speeches were seasoned with good humor and the best of feeling prevailed throughout.

Gregory Elected.

Grand Master Gregory was elected on the first ballot. Out of 1,066 votes cast, he received 616, which gave him 166 votes over the other candidates combined.

The balloting for Grand Master stood as follows: James T. Gregory, 616; H. C. Binford, 192; W. H. Miller, 118; Charles H. Evans, 113; Dr. Shepherd, 15; Dr. Washington, 12.

Officers were elected as follows:

Grand Master—James T. Gregory of Greenville, Ala.

Deputy Grand Master — Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, Ala.

Grand Senior Warden — Charles H. Evans, Tuskegee, Ala.

Grand Junior Warden—Oscar Lee, Troy, Ala.

Grand Treasurer—J. O. Diffay, Birmingham, Ala.

Grand Secretary—Catson N. McDaniels, Hartselle, Ala.

Endowment Secretary—A. A. Peters Girard.

Endowment Treasurer — Richard B. Hudson, Selma, Ala.

Appointed Officers.

Rev. P. W. White, Georgiana, R. W. G. Chap.; Silas Jones, Mt. Meigs, R. W. G. Lecturer, N. E. Division; J. L. Garrett, Selma, R. W. G. Lecturer, N. W. Division; E. G. Humphrey, Montgomery, R. W. G. Lecturer S. E. Division; J. W. Powell, Mobile, R. W. G. Lecturer, S. W. Division; W. C. Campbell, Fitzpatrick, R. W. G. Orator; W. M. Donald, Enterprise, R. W. G. Marshall; C. E. Shortridge, Pratt City, R. W. G. Standard Bearer; H. W Skinner Jackson, R. W. G. Swor Bearer; H. C. Rowans, Tuscumbia, R. W. G. S. Deacon; L. G. Ward, Demopolis, R. W. G. J. Deacon; J. C. McKenzie, Chapman, R. W. G. S. Stewar J. T. Daniel, Andalusia, R. W. G. J. Steward; A. Cunningham, Monroeville, G. Pursuivant; Charles C. Todd, Montgomery, G. Tyler.

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Committee on Fraternal Correspondence.

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Allen's Report.

Report of C. W. Allen of Mobile:

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 15, 1911.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge and Brother Masons of Alabama:

As your Endowment Secretary and Treasurer, I submit this, my annual report, ending August 16, 1911.

We have lost by death this year 159 brothers, or more, which means an obligation or amount paid and to be paid for this year $85,000, with a balance brought forward of twenty-nine claims from last year. I want to thank the brothers and members for all the support that they have given me during my term of office as Endowment Secretary and Treasurer, and shall do anything in my power to help the brother whom you are to elect in my place.

I would suggest that for the future life of this department, and also to comply with the new insurance law of this State, that the matter be referred to a committee.

Following is my report:

Amount brought forward	$ 5,739.13	
Collected during the year	68,231.20	
Collected during present meeting	$34.00	
		$73,970.33
Total		
Disbursed during the year		50,313.54
Cash on hand		$3,656.79

Fraternally yours,
C. W. Allen.

The report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Want Masonic Form.

Dr. E. J. Gregg, of Bessemer, offered the following which was adopted:

"That a law be enacted, the purpose of which is to authorize this lodge to purchase a farm in some suitable [illegible] of Alabama, upon which to establish an Industrial [illegible] education of the children of indigent Masons; and to establish and maintain a home for Masons who are disabled by reason of age or other physical weakness.

Want Masonic Farm.

"That such farm shall be purchased and paid for with any surplus money that may be now in the treasury of the Grand Lodge, or which may accumulate therein in future, and not otherwise appropriated.

"That a committee consisting of five, the Grand Master included, be appointed, the duty of which shall be to select a suitable farm, and such committee shall have power and authority to select and purchase said farm, and the Grand Master shall be required to draw his warrant upon the treasurer for the purchase price of such farm so selected by said committee."

The Grand Lodge will finish its work tomorrow and the 1,200 delagets, including the Grand Chapter Eastern Star, will return to their homes.

Two coaches, filled with delegates, left Tuskegee this evening.

CHANCELLOR SUSTAINS KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Demurrers Filed by Negroes Are Overruled.

Mont Adv 3-11-11

MAY REACH SUPREME COURT

Petition Was Filed Complaining That Negro Lodge Was Infringing Upon White Lodge—Case Is Of Interest to Pythians Throughout State

Knights of Pythias of Alabama are satisfied in no little degree at the decision of Judge J. M. Chilton, just rendered in the Chancery Court, which prohibits negroes calling themselves Knights o fPythias, from wearing emblems and other paraphernalia of that order.

Last May a petition was filed in the Chancery Court which claimed that the negro lodge was infringing upon the white lodge and was using similar banners, emblems, etc. The negro lodge is known as the Knights of Pythias of Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America. Demurrers filed to this petition are overruled by the decision of Judge Chilton.

It is not improbabl that the matter will be taken into the State Supreme Court.

Chancellor L. D. Gardner, himself a Knight of Pythias, was deburred from hearing the case, hence Judge Chilton's connection with it.

In his decision Judge Chilton stated that from authorities he had consulted, he reached the conclusion that a court of equity would interfere by injunctive relief to protect the name of a corporation from use by a corporation subsequently formed, whenever the use of that name would interfere with the business of the first corporation whatever it may be, if that business involved the reception and payment of moneys or the acquisition and holding of property.

COLLECT AND DISBURSE HALF-MILLION IN 2 YEARS

Mississippi Odd Fellows Make Great Financial Showing

HAVE $78,000 BALANCE

Thirty-first Annual Convention and Sixth Biennial Session Held—Jones and McKissick Re elected.

9-7-11

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 4.—At the recent biennial convention of Mississippi Odd Fellows, held in this city, Grand Master Jones stated that the sum of $507,000 had passed through the hands of E. H. McKissick, secretary and treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Benefit Association, within the past two years. At this statement the delegates cheered lustily for several minutes.

The greater share of the $507,000 has gone to the widows and orphans, and there is still a balance on hand of $78,000.

The biennial convention of Mississippi Odd Fellows is still the talk of the people of the Capital City. The Odd Fellows, numbering 16,000, caught Jackson in dress parade season, and such a convention! It was one not only of progress, but a convention of peace also. Two years the Odd Fellows met at Meridian; peace came out of confusion over there, but the peace beat confusion to it.

This was the 31st annual convention of the Mississippi District Grand Lodge, famous as the largest grand lodge of Odd Fellows in the world. Grand Master Jones and Mr. McKissick, the men who have made the organization from the beginning of its serious days, fetched in reports that tapped the enthusiasm of the delegates.

When Edward P. Jones became Grand Master of the Odd Fellows, there were less than one thousand members; when E. H. McKissick took up the endowment work the treasury was dry as Cedar Creek in June. The history of the Odd Fellows of the state is a history of the progress of the people here, and a record of two men as useful as men grew to be, and honored beyond measure by all.

Both Grand Master Jones and Mr. McKissick were re-elected by acclamation, amid a peace that Perry Howard said was as sublime as it was surprising.

GALILEAN FISHERMEN CLOSE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 9.—The Fifty-fifth Annual Session of the National Grand Tabernacle of the Galilean Fishermen adjourned last Friday after a four day's session in this city. The next session will be held in Wilmington, Del. During the session a new constitution was adopted, and plans for rehabilitating the Order after the receivership from the endowment department and the bank of the Order has been lifted, were adopted. The following officers were elected:

Columbus Gordon, Baltimore, National Grand Ruler; Nathaniel Jones, Washington, Vice Grand Ruler; Mrs. L. A. Wilmore, New York, Associate Grand Ruler; Mrs. Annie C. Heath, Baltimore, Grand Fincancial Secretary; Mrs. Hattie E. Troy, Harrisburg, Pa.; Grand Recording Secretary; Mrs. Jennie B. Brown, Washington, Grand Corresponding Secretary; MaCauley Dorsey, Baltimore, Grand Treasurer; Vice, Joseph P. Evans, declined a re election; John F. Hill, Columbus, O., Grand Orator; Wallace Curtis, Washington, Grand Chaplain; Miss Fedora Watts, Norfolk, Va., Grand Conductress; Mrs. Hannah Johnson, Richmond, Va., Grand Inner Guard, and J. F. Henry, Cambridge, Md., Grand Outer Guard.

Rev. John H. Dickerson, one of the most prominent A. M. E. Ministers in Florida, is undergoing treatment at the Johns Hopkins' Hospital. He is also Grand Master of the Masons in that State.

Rev. Dr. Harvey Johnson, the veteran agitators for the rights of the race, celebrated his sixty-eighth birthday anniversary last Friday. During the 39 years that he has been pastor of the Union Baptist Church he has been prominent in all movements for racial uplift.

Mr. John Wesley Thompson, a carrier in the Philadelphia Post Office, has returned home after spending a week with relatives here.

The Republicans of Maryland are planning to wage a vigorous campaign the coming fall against disfranchisement in all of its aspects. They will probably have a plank in their platform calling for the repeal of the iniquitous Wilson Ballot laws. These laws are in force in all the counties in the Southern part of Maryland and in a number of counties on the Eastern Shore, and are expressly for the purpose of confounding ignorant colored voters. With a show of being fair, the Wilson Ballot law also applies to Garrett county, which is located in the extreme Western section of the State. This county has but few Democratic voters, but contains a number of white illiterates of Republican persuasion, and the Democratic managers thought they would make it hard for this county, whose colored vote do not number a hundred.

Disfranchisement has received some very heavy blows in the past eight months beginning with the decision of the United States Court declaring the "grandfather" clause in the municipal election law for Annapolis invalid; an adverse decision against some election officials, who sued the Baltimore-American for libel because the paper told of

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PUBLIC MISLED ABOUT ODD FELLOWS' BUILDING

Structure Not Nearing Completion in Atlanta as Reported

FOUNDATION NOT YET LAID

So Far Proposed Building Consists of Hole Sixteen Feet Deep, With Water and Mud Predominating.

11-30-11

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 28.—To use a slang expression heard frequently, the members of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of Georgia are about to be handed a lemon which will be as large and sour as the one presented the order in the form of the building in Philadelphia which was erected at a cost of many thousands of dollars, but hich has no yielded a cent of income to date. Although there are hundreds of Odd Fellows in Georgia who do not favor the ide[illegible] the order in that State is nevertheless to build a structure in Atlanta.

A few days ago one of the daily papers published an account of the handsome office building nearing completion, which is being erected by the Negro Odd Fellows of Georgia, with a picture of the structure, showing how it would look when finished. Mention was made that the building would be in advance of some of the modern sky-scrapers of Atlanta.

Although an effort is being made by the promoters to show the public that the proposed building is almost completed, investigation shows that such is not the case. The facts are these: That the lot is simply a hole about 16 feet deep, located at Auburn avenue and Bell street; that water and mud predominate and an effort to put up a foundation so far has been unsuccessful, although cement and concrete have been freely used.

It is rumored that it will cost thousands of dollars alone to build a foundation, as the water and mud do not seem inclined to give way for the concrete and cement very easily. So instead o a building nearing completion, as reported, it will probably be months and months before the proposed structure will be ready for occupancy.

Freeman 7-15-11

The board of directors of the Mutual Aid Department of the United Brothers of Friendship met at the U. B. F. Hall with the following officers present: President, W. F. Bedsoe, Marshall; secretary, E. W. Gross, Houston; treasurer, Joseph Nichols, Houston. The secretary, E. W. Gross, made a report of receipts for the six months, ending May 31, 1911, as follows:

For widows and orphans	$26,134.07
For per capita taxes	3,585.67
For rent of office building	1,290.00
For home and business fund	788.5[illegible]
For Mutual Aid reserve	499.5[illegible]
For the sale of supplies	357.2[illegible]
For interest on deposits	248.2[illegible]
For change of policies	44.50
Total receipts for 6 months	$32,892.1[illegible]
Total assets above all liabilities	$60,000.00

A number of cases were up for settlement and were adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The board set aside $12,000 to pay claims for the quarter.

The celebration of the semi-centennial of the order throughout the State, Tuesday, August 1, 1911, was heartily endorsed.

PYTHIANS DEDICATE HOME.

Special Correspondence of THE AGE.

3-2-11

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 28.—Last Sunday the local Knights of Pythias of this city formally dedicated their new three-story building and hall at the corner of Senate avenue and Walnut street. The exercises were conducted by Supreme Chancellor Green and Grand Chancellor Tidrington, assisted by grand and supreme officers.

The following program was observed: Saturday, 8 p. m.—Reception to Maj. Gen. R. R. Jackson of Chicago and other guests at the Dumas Club, by the U. R. companies. Dedication services at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, in the Assembly Hall of the new building, preceded by a parade of the 11 lodges and four U. R. companies. Assembling of lodges at Marion Hall and the courts at K. P. Temple.

On Monday from 4 to 7 the courts tendered a reception to Supreme Counsellor Joseph L. Jones of Cincinnati at the Dumas Club parlors.

Age 6-29-11

Louisville

The United Brothers of Friendship dedicated their new hall on last Sunday. Grand Master W. A. Gaines was present and delivered an address. The hall is one of the most imposing in the city and is located at Ninth and Magazine streets. The Pythians have purchased at Tenth and Chestnut streets, opposite the Carnegie Library and will build at an early date. They expect to erect one of the most costly and commodious buildings in this section of the country. The Pythians are making great preparations to attend the Supreme Lodge at Indianapolis this summer. The uniform ranks are hoping to have a larger number than the Chicago delegation.

FRATERNAL ORDERS MUST COMPLY WITH NEW LAW

Negro Societies, According to Deputy Commissioner Laird, Are Hardest to Deal With

Mont Adv. 11-29-11

Fraternal orders and other societies with insurance features will be subjected to a thorough and extensive investigation if they have not come under the direction and control of the State Department of Insurance by the first of the year, according to Harvey W. Laird, Deputy Insurance Commissioner.

"All fraternal organizations doing business in the State that have not filed power of attorney in the office of the Department, designating Cyrus B. Brown, Insurance Commissioner, attorney for service in legal matters, are already in violation of the act known as the Mobile bill, and subject to an investigation," said Mr. Laird Tuesday.

Will Grant No Favors.

"It is recognized, however, that the law is new and its provisions hard to discover at first, and for that reason delays have been overlooked. But failures will be dealt with without favor after the new year, and all organizations that do not measure up to the requirements of the act will have to take the consequences."

The negro societies and orders are the most trouble and most annoying to deal with, declares Mr. Laird. His love for display and gaudy uniforms leads him easily into the formation of lodges, it was explained.

"And the idea of providing for death, always uppermost in the mind of the negro, makes some sort of endowment plan almost certain," asserts the Deputy Commissioner. "As a result the State is honeycombed with negro lodges that pay, or promise to pay, sums at death or when the beneficiary is not able to work. As a rule there is a woeful lack of appreciation of responsibility and much waste of the funds. Half a dozen cases under observation just now make one laugh at the ridiculous antics that are carried on."

PAST YEAR SUCCESSFUL FOR NEGRO ODD FELLOWS

Annual Convention In This City Is Closed.

Mont. Adv. -1-11

NEXT TIME TO TUSKEGEE

Montgomery Negroes, Prominent in Business of the Lodge, are Elected to Office—Order's Membership in Alabama Increased Seven-fold.

The District Grand Lodge, No. 23 of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Peter T. Mitchell, Grand Master, closed its twenty-ninth annual meeting at the State Normal School Friday night after the following officers were installed by former Grand Master C. A. Howze, Grand Director of the S. C. M of America:

District Grand Master, Peter T. Mitchell, Troy; Deputy Grand Master, W. M. Duncan, Montgomery. District Grand Secretary, George W. Greene, Anniston; District Grand Treasurer, John Green Wright, Tuscaloosa; District Grand Director, Jno. W. Bankhead, Sulligent; auditors; W. H. Carter, Tuskegee Institute, chairman; W. C. Davis of Birmingham, and U. S. Jones of Demopolis, Secretary; Medical Director, Dr. S. B. Innis, Troy.

Cash on Hand.

The report of the Auditing Committee showed the following receipts and disbursements by Grand Secretary and Treasurer to be correct:

Amount brought forward	$ 2,199.02
Received during the year	34,334.31
Collected during the present meeting	645.45
Grand total	$37,178.78
Disbursements	$33,260.45
Cash on hand	$ 3,918.33

This report was signed by R. T. Jackson, J. W. C. Blevins, S. H. O'Neal, C. B. Pool and T. M. Howze.

Reports showed 340 lodges to be in good standing representing 7,000 members in the State. The attendance at the meeting of the Grand Lodge was 271 delegates.

The Household of Ruth, with 400 lodges representing 9,000 members, held their meeting in the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. About 1,000 members, including the families and friends, attended the public meetings of the Grand Lodge and the Household of Ruth.

A delegation of seven members with Dr. W. H. Mixon, chairman, called at the Capitol to invite Governor O'Neal to address the lodge, but the committee was informed by Secretary McNeel that the Governor was out of the city and would return too late to address the order.

Visit Hervey Laird.

A large committee composed of leading members of the lodge, with Chas. H. Evans, chairman, called at the offices of the State Commissioner of Insurance to receive instructions as to the operation of the insurance law with regard to fraternal orders. Commissioner H. W. Laird explained the law to the whole body. Mr. Laird was received with enthusiasm by the Colored Odd Fellows and heartily thanked for his address and the expression of his willingness to help the Grand Lodge "put its house in order."

The contest between W. M. Duncan and E. M. Dale, both of Montgomery, for the position of Deputy Grand Master was the most spirited contest of the meeting. Duncan's friends winning [illegible] votes to 100 for Dale.

Adams Makes Speech.

O. W. Adams of Birmingham, who made a brilliant speech responding to the welcome address by Dr. D. H. C. Scott of Montgomery, made another strong address last night, but the occasion was his declination to run for the position as secretary of the lodge and secretary of the endowment. He declined in favor of Geo. W. Greene, who was elected.

Prof. Wm. Pickens of Talladega College, formerly secretary of the lodge, and secretary of the endowment, refused to run for a second term. His report showed a remarkable degree of efficiency in the management of the department during the year. It is the opinion of many, generally expressed, that the services of Professor Pickens during the year has added much to the rehabilitation of negro Odd Fellowship in Alabama. He refused the position on account of pressing demands upon his time at the college.

The sessions of the Grand Lodge during the four days' meeting were said to be harmonious throughout.

Lodge Grows Well.

Grand Master Mitchell of Troy has been very successful in building up the order during the year. He has the entire confidence and respect of the lodge and was re-elected without opposition. Under his brief administration of one year the order has grown from 157 lodges and 1,000 members to 240 lodges and 7,000 members.

Geo. W. Green of Anniston, Ala., who was elected to the important position of Grand Secretary and Secretary of the Endowment, stands well among both races at his home, and is reputed to have some experience in managing funds of fraternal orders. There were many candidates for his position but they all came down in his favor.

John Greene Wright of Tuscaloosa, who was honored by re-election to the position as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge and Treasurer of the Endowment is said to be wealthy. He owns one of the finest barber shops for white people in the South.

John Wesley Bankhead, Grand Director, is owner of a large farm near Sulligent and is said to be worth several thousand dollars.

Is Expert Accountant.

W. H. Carter, chairman of the Auditing Committee, is head bookkeeper at Tuskegee Institute, Booker T.

Washington's great school and is generally known as an expert accountant.

Prof. W. C. Davis of the same committee is principal of the Thomas Public School, Birmingham, and Prof. U. S. Jones, secretary of the committee, is principal of the Black Belt Normal and Industrial School, Demopolis.

Dr. S. B. Innis, of Troy, the Medical Director, is very popular with the Colored Odd Fellows of the State. A strong and powerful speech was made for hi selection by Dr. S. S. H. Washington of Montgomery.

It is generally stated that the officers elected are some of the representative men of the race and their names are said to carry with them the assurance of successful management of the affairs of the order.

Complying with the cordial invitation of Dr. Booker T. Washington, delivered by Capt. Ammons and Rev. A. F. Owens of the Institute, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet next year at Tuskegee Institute.

PYTHIANS OWN MUCH PROPERTY

Real Estate Holdings of Order is Now Valued at $1,500,000

MEMBERSHIP IS LARGE

Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals Robinson Says Pythians Have 126,535 Members

TO ERECT TEMPLE IN CHICAGO

From $150,000 to $200,000 will be Expended in Building's Construction—$42,835.55 in Grand Lodge Treasury.

9-14-11

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE"

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 12.—Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals C. K. Robinson, in discussing the great progress being made by the Knights of Pythias, stated to a representative of THE AGE that at the biennial session held recently at Indianapolis, twenty-six grand lodges were represented and 3,320 subordinate lodges, and that the order now boasts of having 126,535 members in good standing. The Pythians own property valued at $1,500,000.

The amount of endowment collected by the order has been $1,010,263.74, and $849,478.41 has been paid out for endowment. There has been expended for sickness $236,539.07, and $101,945.14 for burial. In the Grand Lodge treasury is $42,835.55.

The property owned by the Supreme Lodge is located at 3300 State street, Chicago, valued at $50,000, and the Pythian Temple Sanitarium, Hot Springs, Ark., valued at $25,000. The property owned by the grand lodges valued at $776,294.55.

The order has lost by death within the past two years 2,931 members. There is a balance in the Supreme Lodge treasury of $46,000.

At the session at Indianapolis, the Pythian Temple Commission decided to enter at once into the erection of a temple on the property in Chicago at an estimated cost of between $150,000 and $200,000.

In speaking of the Indianapolis session, Mr. Robinson said:

Indianapolis Meeting Excelled All.

The meeting held at Indianapolis by far excelled any meeting of its kind, either white or colored in this country, and the local daily papers spoke in glowing terms of the orderly manner in which the delegates and visitors conducted themselves, and at the close of our session Sunday morning the following editorial appeared in the Star of Indianapolis: "If the colored Knights of Pythias, who have just closed their session in Indianapolis, conduct all their meetings in such an orderly manner as they did last week, Indianapolis extends to them an invitation to hold all their meetings in Indianapolis." * * *

The uniform rank and the ladies' department made for themselves an enviable record. Over 4,500 Sir Knights were in camp, and the parade under the command of General Jackson was the most superb and grandest display recorded in the history of the Negro enterprise and organization. The Supreme Lodge is indebted and cannot repay Maj. Gen. Jackson for his work and worth in this department. We regret that the figures referring to the statistical and financial department are not complete, as several grand lodges failed to send in reports in time for the meeting, but will appear in full in the minutes.

The officers of the Supreme Lodge are: S. W. Green, Louisiana, supreme chancellor; Joseph L. Jones, Ohio, supreme vice-chancellor; Dr. E. A. Williams, Ohio, past supreme chancellor; the Rev. A. H. Newton, New Jersey, supreme prelate; L. M. Mitchell, Texas, supreme lecturer; John H. Young, Arkansas, supreme master of exchequer; C. K. Robinson, supreme keeper of records and seals; A. D. Miller, Kentucky, supreme master of arms; George A. Watty, Maryland, supreme inner guard; Dennis Taylor, Florida, supreme outer guard; Dr. J. H. Ward, Indiana, medical director; T. Watkins, Illinois, supreme attorney.

NEGRO MASONS GATHER AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

Grand Lodge of Alabama Will Convene Tuesday.

ADVANCE GUARD LANDS

Seven Hundred Delegates, Coming From Every Section of the State Are Expected to Attend the Meeting—Order is Improving.

Mont. Advt. 8-12-11

TUSKEGEE, ALA., Aug. 12.—The Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, colored, of Alabama, will be called to order at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning in the assembly rooms of the academic building, Tuskegee Institute, by Grand Master James T. Gregory of Greenville, Ala.

The advance guard of the order arrived today. They are Grand Master James T. Gregory, Secretary C. N. McDaniels of Hartselle, Treasurer H. C. Harris of Birmingham, Endowment Secretary and Treasurer Clarence W. Allen of Mobile, and Auditors Peter H. Clark of Birmingham and Charles Hendley of Huntsville. J. W. Powell of the auditing committee is expected today from Mobile.

Expect Many Delegates.

Seven hundred delegates are expected to represent the Grand Lodge besides two hundred representatives of the Eastern Star. There are 169 chartered lodges in the state organization and there will be over forty new lodges applying for charter.

Thirteen Thousand Members.

These lodges represent a membership of 13,000 as each of the lodges is entitled to three delegates and as the great attraction to the Grand Lodge meeting will be the election of a Grand Master to the position made vacant by the death of the late H. C. Binford, it is difficult to say today how many delegates will attend.

A member of the auditing committeed stated this afternoon that reports of the secretaries and treasurers will show remarkable increase of the order during the year along all lines.

The report of the treasurer, H. C. Harris, last year showed $11,160.68 received including $7,341.94 brought over from previous year.

The report of Endowment Secretary and Treasurer Clarence W. Allen, showed $75,949.93 received, including $2,482.56 from previous year. This made a grand total of $87,110.61. The receipts by the Eastern Star ran the total up last year to one hundred thousand dollars.

Thirty Fourth Meeting.

Reckoning from the formation of the original organization, September 27, 1870, this annual meeting of the order would be the forty second, but the Grand Lodge reckons from the consolidation of all negro Masons in the State which was effected August 12, 18[illegible]. Accordingly this w[illegible] the thirty-fourth annual meet[illegible]ead of the forty-second.

The late Grand Master, H. [illegible]inford, who died at his home in Huntsville, June 6, 1911, was one of the most remarkable men of his race. At his death he was said to be the oldest negro Mason in Alabama, reckoning from the time he joined the order. For many years he served the lodge as secretary and up to the time of his death he had served as Grand Master eleven years.

The growth of the order under his administration will constitute one of the most interesting reports to be made during the coming session. His place will be hard to fill.

AUSTIN, TEX.

12-14-11

Regular Correspondence of THE AGE.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 12.—The Negro Fraternal Congress of Texas held an important session in Mitchell's Hall on December 2 looking forward to a system of uniform rates, assessments, medical examinations, etc., in compliance with recent legislation and mortuary statistics. Representatives from twenty-two secret fraternities were in attendance. Some of the largest and most prominent were: Hon. C. M. White of Denver, Colo.; the American Woodmen; Hon. H. C. Bell, Gainesville, the G. U. O. of F.; Dr. A. N. Prince of Sherman the Knights of Pythias; Prof. F. W. Gross, Houston, the U. B. F.; Hon. C. E. Day of Dallas, the Knights of Tabor; Hon. M. M. Rodgers of La Grange Masons. The result of this meeting will be felt in the near future. The officers are: M. M. Rodgers of La Grange, president; F. W. Gross of Houston, vice-president; C. E. Day of Dallas, treasurer, and J. D. Ryan of Houston, secretary.

Most of the Knights of Pythias reelected their old officers. Capital City No. 56 elected Hon. W. M. Fears as her representative to the coming Grand Lodge and Prof. J. W. Frazier of Samuel Houston College, as prelate; Hon. S. H. Hanna was re-elected C. C. of Pride of Austin No. 105 and also representative to the Grand Lodge. Hon. John Ward will preside over Europa No. 14 another term.

All churches were well attended Sunday.

Dr. Griggs filled the pulpit at First Baptist, Dr. C. W. Abbington did likewise at Metropolitan A. M. E.

Dr. Richardson of Waco was installed into the pastorship of Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, the recent conference having changed Rev. T. H. Wyatt to Ft. Worth.

Dr. Abbington was chaperoned on a hunt before leaving the city the following members of Austin Gun Club; Hon. W. M. Fears, Hon. Wilson McKinley, Dr. J. T. S. White and Hon. Alex Phillips.

The Age will be of more value in your house than that "white" edition which only makes you a headliner when some crime has been committed or a lynching. See P. A. Williams or write the editor for a sample.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF MOSES

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE"

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 24.—The forty-fourth annual session of the Grand United Order of Brothers and Sisters, Sons and Daughters of Moses came to an end here Friday night with a reception to the House of Princes, the highest body in the order. The business sessions were held in St. James A. M. E. Church, and were replete with interest. The reports of Grand Master Solomon Bond, Deputy Grand Master W. S. Jones, Grand Secretary James H. Seward, and Grand Treasurer A. A. Spriggs showed that the order had 8,000 members, a large sum in bank and owned considerable real estate. The next session will be held in Brooklyn, N. Y.

11-26-11

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TEXAS U. B. F. REPORT.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE: 11-9-11

Houston, Tex., Nov. 7.—Following is the annual report of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Texas, submitted by Grand Secretary Gross, for the year ending August 31: Receipts—Balance from last year, $20,771.69; for widows and orphans, $52,347.75; per capita taxes, $6,887.93; home and business fund, $3,400.10; rent of office building, $2,600; reserve, $957; the sale of supplies, $689.28; the interest on deposits, $489.55; the change of policies, $87.50; total receipts for the year, $67,459.11; total amount available for the year, $88,230.70; total assets above all liabilities, $53,000.

Secret Societies—1911.

OLD OFFICERS OUSTED; NEW OFFICIALS ELECTED

Stormy Scenes at 31st Annual Session of True Reformers

GRIFFIN IS GRAND MASTER

Faction Led by Attorne Newsome Deposes Holmes and Burrell—New Regime Now in Control.

8-31-11

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 29.—The week ushered in a new era for the United Order of True Reformers, as from every section of the country the members are expressing themselves pleased with the work of the delegates last week at the thirty-first annual session of the Grand Fountain, when all the old officers were ousted and a new set of officials selected. The session was stormy throughout and although the "old guard" tried hard to remain in power, they were beaten at every turn. Grand Master Helmes and his colleagues saw what was coming and tendered their resignations, which were quickly accepted.

Following are the newly-elected officers: W. R. Griffin, Washington, D. C., grand worthy master; Floyd Ross, St. Louis, Mo., vice grand master; J. Frank Douglass, Roanoke, Va., grand worthy secretary; Dr. John Merriweather, Richmond, Va., grand worthy treasurer; Mrs. Rosa Thompson, Philadelphia, Pa., grand worthy mistress; J. Thomas Newsome, Newport News, Va., grand attorney; Dr. J. A. Lewis, Richmond, Va., medical examiner.

The board of directors will be composed of the following members: Dr. J. E. Dellinger, North Carolina; W. H. C. Brown, Virginia; R. L. Jones, Georgia; John Merriweather, Virginia; W. R. Griffin, District of Columbia; Floyd Ross, Missouri; A. Humbles, Virginia; E. C. Brown, Virginia; George Morris, New Jersey; J. W. Lewis, District of Columbia; G. Hunt, New York; Maurice Rouselle, Virginia; W. H. Smith, Virginia; B. A. Cephas, Virginia; J. Frank Douglass, Virginia

Delegates in a War-like Mood.

About 340 delegates were in attendance, and all were in a belligerent mood. The temper of the delegates was shown when Grand Worthy Master Holmes arose to talk. The reception tendered the grand worthy master was of the North Pole variety, and hisses were heard. Grand Master Holmes stated that he was not responsible for the misfortunes of the True Reformers, declaring that he had never had any knowledge of or participation of any dishonest transactions. He told the delegates that the methods used that had brought about the financial downfall of the order had occurred before he was selected as the order's head. Mr. Holmes further said:

> I have lived an honest and clean life. I have labored a year to save the organization. Charges have been made and the burden of others' sins has been placed on my shoulders. In this condition I must act for the good of the order without regard to my personal feelings or interest. I will therefore tender my resignation with the hope that those who will take charge in the future will be successful in saving the Grand Fountain.

The resignation of A. W. Holmes as grand master was accepted, and Grand Worthy Secretary W. P. Burrell next resigned, stating that he was fully aware of the feeling that existed and was in accord with the demands of the investigating committee. He said that the time would come when he would be able to vindicate himself.

The resolution advocating the retirement of the old officers and the election of new ones was introduced by Counsellor J. T. Newsome, and read in part:

> Resolved, That in view of the peculiar circumstances surrounding the Grand Fountain, and the imperative necessity for the reorganization and rehabilitation of the Order, we now proceed to elect a Grand Master, Vice Grand Master and Board of Directors. The officers now elected to at once retire and recommend to the body a list of names for the officers of the Grand Fountain. * * *

Although the old guard sought to defeat the resolution, the Newsome faction won easily when a vote was taken.

The Reformer on the Result.

Commenting on the new state of affairs, *The Reformer*, the organ of the order, says:

> The 31st Annual Session has closed and the members of the organization, from the different sections of the country, have returned to their homes much better satisfied, we hope, than they were when they came.
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> The Grand Fountain wanted a change in its officers and they have made that change all the way down the line. Since the majority has elected the men of its choice, we see nothing to be done but for all to "make a strong pull and a pull altogether" to rehabilitate the Order.
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> It is an undeniable fact that a strong set of officers has been elected and unless we have on our hands a hopeless case, success will crown our efforts. The four principal officers—Messrs. Griffin, Ross, Douglas and Meriweather are men of experience and worth and well deserve the honor bestowed upon them.
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> The Board of Directors is without doubt a strong one, representing the most intelligent and successful men in their localities, and from reports, the funds needed to liquidate the outstanding debts are forthcoming.
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> The session was not near as stormy as had been anticipated. While at times there were heated discussions along various lines, at no time was an officer of the law needed to bring about peace.
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> The delegates seemed in good humor before their departure, and while everyone did not get his preference, they seemed willing to depart in peace, and go home to work for the rebuilding of the best known Negro organization in the world.

The new officers have expressed themselves as being particularly anxious to start the work of rehabilitating the order at once.

ELKS HOLD HARMONIOUS SESSION AT BOSTON

Many Lodges of Order Represented at Twelfth Annual Session

PACE MADE EXALTED RULER

Selection of Memphis Man a Popular One—Pace Tells The Age That His Watchword Will Be "Economy."

The Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World was never so thoroughly united as to-day. All factional differences have disappeared and the lodges are working together for the common good of the organization. We now have 201 lodges enrolled with over 15,000 financial members. Prospects appear bright. I shall do all in my power to make the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World one of the strongest and most influential of colored fraternal orders. Economy shall be my watchword.—Harry H. Pace, the newly elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

8-17-11

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

Boston, Mass., August 15.—On Friday evening, August 11, at the twelfth annual session of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, the election of officers resulted as follows: Harry H. Pace, of Memphis, Tenn., grand exalted ruler; T. G. Nutter, of Charleston, W. Va., grand esteemed leading night; George E. Bates, of Jersey City, N. J., grand secretary; William E. Gales, of Anacostia, Md., grand treasurer; S. E. Hoyt, of Boston, Mass., grand esteemed loyal knight; W. E. Leonard, of Philadelphia, grand esteemed lecturing knight; David Tresvan, of New York City, grand inner guard; E. H. Warren, of Detroit, Mich., grand organizer; Dr. R. E. Jones, of Richmond, Va., grand medical examiner; J. J. Jones, of Chicago, grand esquire; J. C. Smith, of Washington, D. C., grand trustee.

The next session of the order will be held at Dayton, O.

The election of Harry H. Pace as Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks to succeed J. Frank Wheaton, of New York, pleased all sides. Mr. Pace, who is just twenty-seven years old, is one of the most popular members of the order. For the past three years he was grand secretary of the Elks and filled his position with great credit. He is cashier of the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust Company of Memphis and prominent in the business and social life of Memphis. Many predict that he will do much to raise the tone of the order.

The dove of peace was present throughout the entire session and harmony prevailed. Lodges that have not affiliated for years sent delegates, chief among which was Eureka Lodge No. 5, of which Dr. J. E. Mills is a member.

Many Offices Abolished.

One of the features of the session was the abolishing of a large number of offices, chief of which were the office of national receiver of monies and the Elks Home Committee.

It was agreed to continue the fight against the white Elks who some months ago brought suit against the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in the State of New York. The suit will be taken to the Appellate Court by Judge Alton B. Parker and D. Macon Webster, attorneys of record for the colored Elks.

Over two thousand Elks participated in the parade Thursday which was reviewed by Governor Foss and Acting Mayor Collins. A silver cup was awarded O. V. Cato Lodge, No. 2, of Philadelphia, for the best appearance, and Monarch Lodge of New York City for having the largest number in line. The Harrisburg Lodge of Pennsylvania received a cup for having the smallest number of men in line, and Ira Donaldson of Hawaii was given a prize for being the delegate who came the longest distance.

The convention closed on Saturday at noon.

Grand Temple of Daughters of Elks Elect Officers.

The Grand Temple of Daughters of Elks elected the following officers: Emma Hodge, of Hampton, Va., G. D. R.; Emma V. Kelley, of Norfolk, Va., G. S.; Frances Young, of Hampton, Va., G. T.; Lottie Kernit, of New York City, V. D. R.; Mary A. Green, of Cleveland, O., G. A. D. R.; Harriet Harding, of Richmond, Va., S. C.; Amanda Whitfield, G. E.; Maggie White, of Cambridge, G. D.; Sarah Robinson, of Norfolk, Va., Martha M. Trice, of Boston, and Alice Johnson, of New York, trustees.

J. Frank Wheaton, P. G. E. R., and Dr. Atkins, P. G. E. R., were presented with handsome jewels.

The Reception Committee was Dr. J. B. Hall, Anthony Portlock, L. Eichelberger, E. J. Timberlake, W. D. King, Charles Bird, R. E. Scott, James Webster, Edward Foote, Marshall McDonald, B. F. Jones, Geo. Logan, James Bivins, W. A. Cox and W. A. Price.

The united committee for the entertainment of the Grand Lodge follows: Raymond L. Phillips, P. E. R., chairman; J. Arthur Piper, P. E. R., vice-chairman; Stewart E. Hoyt, P. E. R., G. E. L. K., chairman, ex-officia; Louis E. Dunbar, P. E. R., secretary; Hubert W. Ross, E. R., assistant secretary; John Gill, P. E. R., treasurer; Alexander A. Selden, P. E. R., G. M. S. S.; Samuel B. Noble, P. E. R., D. D.; Charles T. Hill, P. E. R.; Daniel Olmstead, P. E. R.; Daniel Ware, P. E. R.; John Smith, P. E. R.; H. H. O. Burwell, P. E. R.; Basil F. Hutchins, Richard T. Paige.

HARRY H. PACE

Grand Exalted Ruler of The Elks

In New York Custom service there are 234 Negro employees. The total salaries drawn by all is $35,000 per year. The highest salaried person gets $1500, the Hon. Charles W. Anderson, the Collector of Internal Revenue, and the lowest salaried person is the Messenger Clerk, who gets $900 per year.

Christian Recorder

ON next Tuesday, August [illegible], the annual meeting of the Right Worthy Grand Council, Independent Order St. Luke, will open in the St. Luke Hall.

In the light of a much disturbed twelve months just passed, in fraternal circles, the coming session will be some-what a session extraordinary. In all organizations much depends upon the leaders an almost equally as much depends upon the followers.

A few years ago, Our Order was [illegible]

44th Annual Meeting

R. W. G. COUNCIL, I. O. OF ST. LUKE

The 44th Annual Meeting of the R. W. G. Council, I. O of St. Luke, will be held at Richmond, Va., in the St. Luke Hall; opening

Tuesday, 9 A. M., August 15, 16, 17, '11

REPRESENTATIVES, OFFICERS and VISITORS are cautioned to secure a ***Certificate*** when purchasing their tickets, paying one straight fare. With the Certificate, return fare will be 3-5 fare plus 25c. **Get to the office in full time to secure a Certificate,** for without it, you can't get the reduced fare. Those coming via Norfolk and Western Railroad will buy round trip tickets at the rate of ONE & THREE-FIFTH FARES.

For further information address

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G. U. O. OF W. M.—ORGANIZERS WANTED

To Each and Every Reader of This Paper

We wish to call your attention to the Grand United Order of Wise Men and Women of the World. This secret organization was founded by one of our own race and is to-day handled and managed by Negroes with great credit to the order aand to the race. The organizers or deputies of it are making from fifty to seventy five dollars per month organizing, setting up local lodges. There are three departments of the order, namely: The Wise Men's Council, the Wise Women's Castle and the Children's Seminary. The sick benefits for men are $5.00 per week, for lady members $3.00 per week, and for children $1.50. Monthly dues for all Wise Men, including their endowment assessment, is $1.00 per month, and for all Wise Women, 75 cents per month, including their endowment assessment, and for children 25 cents per month, including their endowment assessment. They also pay, not promise, but pay, $500 at the death of male members and $300 at the death of lady members and $100 at the death of children. It is the only Negro secret order we know of that has a substantial home and loan department from which any member of the order can borrow any amount from $250 to $1,000. They also give a memorial stone to go over the grave of every member of the order. You can now or for the next few days join the order for only $3.00, and on receipt of the same your membership car, secret ritual by-laws, full particulars and a book of instructions and full authority to organize and set to work Councils of Wise Men and Castles of Wise Women and Seminaries anywhere within your State will be sent you. We believe that the time is at hand when Negroes should support Negro productions and enterprises, and for that cause we ask each reader of this paper to join in this great Negro effort. We recommend the above organization to one and all as an organization truly reliable and one that demands the respect and support of all Negroes who want the race success. Send all money for membership and organizers' outfits direct to

REV. S. B. SMITH, S. G. A. V.,
Box 509, Monroe, La.

P. S. Mention this paper, and also state your sex.

The Students

NEGRO LODGE MEETS.

Two Well-filled Coaches of Delegates Arrive Monday.

Mont Adv— 7-11-11

The advance guard of the delegates coming to attend the annual session of the Grand Lodge and Knights of Honor and Knights and Ladies of Honor of the World, colored, arrived in the city in two well filled coaches atached to the rear end of the Louisville and Nashville fast mail southbound Monday forenoon.

The session will open four days at Jones Hall, corner Jackson and [illegible] Streets, Tuesday, at 9:30 a. m. The male department of the order will be presided over by [illegible] Reeder, of Mobile, while the female department will be presided over by C. L. [illegible]tor, of Birmingham.

While the supreme department [illegible] represented by Dr. [illegible] A. Williams, of Cincinnati, O., who will attend the sessions. Several hundred delegates will be in attendance, each train bringing more to swell the large number already there.

FISHERMEN ELECT OFFICERS

W. E. Mumford Elected Grand Master—Red-hot Election Held—Dennis Faction Claims Victory, Securing All But Two Offices.

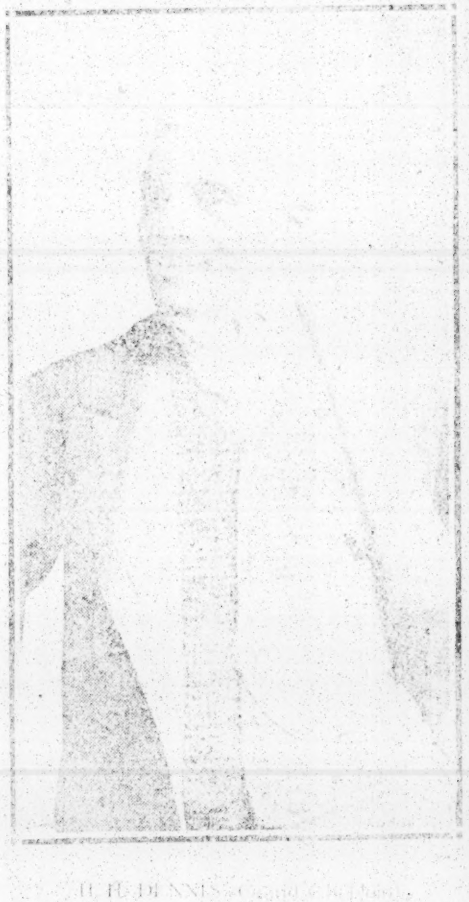
N. Y. Age 8-24-11

At the annual election of officers of the Grand United Order of Fishermen of Galilee, held last week at Sumner Hall, Brooklyn, a lively contest took place between two factions, one headed by H. H. Dennis and the other by E. E. Holland. The former claims that his side came out victorious over the Holland faction, electing all but two of their candidates, which was brought about by a combination formed by Grand Chaplain Dennis with the Baltimore delegates. W. E. Mumford was elected grand master.

The election [illegible] as follows: W. E. Mumford, [illegible], grand master; W. [illegible], Baltimore, deputy grand master; [illegible] Harris, Brooklyn, orator; H. H. Dennis, New York, grand chaplain; Mrs. Mary Scott, Baltimore, grand associate; Abel Henderson, New York, grand secretary; Mrs. T. W. Turner, New York, assistant grand treasurer; Mrs. Mary White, New York, left support; Mrs. Cornell, New York, right support; G. W. Perry, Baltimore, inner guard.

The order will hold its next annual session at [illegible]

W. E. MUMFORD (Grand Master)



H. H. DENNIS (Grand Chaplain)

Secret Societies—1911

HOLDS SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Supreme Lodge of Woodmen of Union Meets at Yazoo City—Four Hundred Delegates in Attendance.

9-7-11

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE

Yazoo City, Miss.—The sixth annual session of the Supreme Lodge of Woodmen of Union, held at Yazoo City August 30, 31 and September 1, was not only one of the greatest meetings held in that city in recent years, but as well one of the greatest held in the state this year. Everything was planned and carried out without a hitch.

Harmony and peace prevailed throughout the entire three days' session, and the four hundred delegates who attended returned to their homes encouraged and inspired to do more than ever for the good of the order, and Supreme President L. J. Winston and Supreme Treasurer W. W. Cox have placed themselves in the foremost rank as fraternal leaders.

The exhibition of Mrs. Sadie Miller, instructress in domestic science at the Alcorn College, who gave daily lectures in the art of practical and scientific culinary preparations, was very instructive. In the presence of the delegates she prepared two meals of food and accompanied them with lectures, eplaining each step taken.

Prof. T. M. Campbell, Government Farm Expert, gave two lectures on "Practical Farming" and made many practical suggestions as to improved farming.

The order is in excellent financial condition and the death rate per thousand was shown to be the lowest in the state, thus proving that it enjoys careful management.

More than $25,000 was collected for endowment purposes during the past year, and more than $100,000 has been paid to beneficiaries during the five years of this order's operation. All claims due to date have been paid and a balance of $6,000 is on hand to the credit of the order.

All of the old officers who were aspirants for re-election were re-elected by acclamation. Mrs. L. Roberts of Columbus was elected supreme secretary, instead of Rev. J. W. Hair, who was not an aspirant for election.

A novel feature of the sessions, and one which was much appreciated by the delegates, was the distribution of 500 collapsing drinking cups to the delegates present. The recent decision of the Railroad Commission in this state abolishing the public drinking cup will make these little tokens all the more appreciated.

Many prominent visitors were present, among whom may be mentioned the following: W. A. J. Morgan, grand master of the Stringer Grand Lodge of Masons; E. H. McKissack, secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Odd Fellows; L. K. Atwood, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Sons and Daughters of Jacobs of the state of Mississippi, and treasurer of the Union Guaranty and Insurance Company, as well as president of the Southern Bank; Dr. W. A. Attaway, president of the Mississippi Beneficial Life Insurance Company and of the Delta Penny Saving Bank of Greenville; Prof. G. S. Goodman, grand secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons; Prof. W. T. Burnside of Greenville, Hon. A. B. Grimes of Lamont, Miss.; Prof. W. W. Phillips of Kosciusko, Prof. W. I. Mitchell of Columbus, Prof. W. R. McCorkle of Mound Bayou, Prof. W. N. Lott, representing the Mound Bayou Demonstrator; Mrs. Carrie L. Avant of Helena, Ark.; Mrs. L. V. Alexander of Lamont, Mrs. A. A. Brown of Columbus, Miss C. B. Weede of Greenwood, T. S. Crawford, C. C. Johnson, Misses Ethyl G. Cox, Annie G. Capshaw, S. Johnson of Indianola, and many others whose names we failed to get.

Among those who reside in Yazoo City and who spared no pains or expense to make the sessions successful are the following: Mesdames Silvia Carter, K. B. Jamison, W. P. Thomas, Tempie Outlaw, Marginia Creely, M. L. King, Caledonia Warf, Emma Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Webb, Rev. H. H. King, Dr. L. T. Hiller, Rev. Thomas and others whose names were not available at this writing.

Many social features were held during the week. On Wednesday night, following the welcome addresses, the young elite of Yazoo gave a dance and banquet at the Odd Fellows' Hall which proved a very enjoyable affair. Among those present were Willie Thomas, Welborn Atwood, Miles Proctor, Geo. Cooper, Harvey Grantham, Chauncey Haynes and Miss Nola Stuart and Mrs. Emma Stuart.

SUPREME LODGE K. OF P.

SIXTEENTH BIENNIAL SESSION IN INDIANAPOLIS

THE IMPORTANT BUSINESS TRANSACTED

SUPREME CHANCELLOR GREEN, RE-ELECTED

Freeman 9-2-11

Greatest of Negro Demonstrations Aug. 21 to 26

After much apprehension and speculation about the re-election of S. W. Greene to the office of Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, at Indianapolis, last week, he was elected without much opposition.

Supreme Chancellor—S. W. Greene, New Orleans, La.

Supreme Vice Chancellor—J. L. Jones, Cincinnati, O.

Supreme Keeper of Exchequer—J. H. Young, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals—C. K. Robinson, St. Louis.

Supreme Attorney—S. A. T. Watkins, Chicago.

Supreme Outer Guard—Dennis Taylor, Florida.

Supreme Inner Guard—G. A. Watty, Missouri.

Supreme Master at Arms—D. F. Miller, Kentucky.

Supreme Prelate—The Rev. A. H. Newton, New Jersey.

Supreme Lecturer—L. M. Mitchell, Texas.

Supreme Major General of Uniform Rank—R. R. Jackson, Chicago.

Pythian Temple and Sanitarium Committee—J. M. Hazelwood, West Virginia; E. E. Underwood, Kentucky; John M. Harris, Mississippi; C. M. Wade, Arkansas; George N. Stoney, Georgia; W. I. Reed, Indiana, and A. W. Lloyd, Missouri.

The election and reports by a number of the supreme officers consumed all the time of the convention during the day.

Greene Speaks.

The Supreme Chancellor, in speaking, said in part:

"Industry, honesty and reliability are the things we are trying to put into the lives of our young people, and if we can accomplish this you will see a great change in our condition. There are entirely too many young men in this country who have a desire to live without work, hence they resort to stealing, gambling, pocketpicking and many other unlawful means of getting money. It is this class that is making it against us and it is time for us to call a halt as far as it is within our power.

Criminals Are Barred.

"The Knights of Pythias will not admit into its ranks any criminal, and we have always sought and tried to get the best men and women, and if we failed it has not been our fault.

"I was sorry indeed, when news reached me that a young man had been arrested for trying to take the pocketbook out of the pocket of an old man in the hall. While I was sorry at the same time I was glad that he was caught. Perhaps this will help to make him a better man. It will save him from the gallows. I believe he was caught in the right time. Some of these pretty men who dress up and stand around the streets being too pretty to work—ought to be forced to go to work or join the moving crowd."

S. H. Highland, of Vicksburg, Miss., grand master of exchequer for Mississippi, said: "We are looking after the widows and orphans. In our endowment fund we raise over $150,000 every year and we hope to continue. We have a membership in the State of a little over 17,000, and at the head is one of the greatest leaders of the country, John W. Harris."

[illegible] of Peace.

Mr. Highland served as justice of the peace in Mississippi for ten years, and is said to have made a good official. At the Grand Lodge of Pythians, held in West Point, Miss., last July, he was elected master of exchequer to succeed John W. Strauther. He is one of the progressive young men in the South and has accumulated considerable wealth.

L. M. Mitchell of Austin, Tex., who has been a mail carrier in Austin for a quarter of a century, is a recognized leader among his people.

Administration Sustained.

Hot speeches were made during the election of supreme officers, but the administration people easily won out.

"The fight followed the report of the several financial committees. The administration forces, led by Dr. George N. Stoney, Grand Chancellor Tidrington and Dr. Smith of Louisiana, although fought bitterly at every step by the "insurgents," were never in danger of defeat. The Supreme Chancellor, S. W. Greene was nominated by P. W. Kinchen, of Shreveport, La., in a ringing and eloquent speech, and seconded by the Rev. James Jones, of Arkansas. Almost every State represented seconded the nomination. John Mitchell, Jr., objected to a motion to declare the Supreme Chancellor elected by acclamation and named J. Rupert Jefferson, of Parkersburg, W. Va., who declined the nomination. A vote stood 80 to 21 in favor of Greene.

Joseph L. Jones, of Cincinnati, Supreme Vice Chancellor, was elected by acclamation for two years. He has been serving out the unexpired term of John W. Strauther.

C. K. Robinson, of St. Louis, Mo., Supreme Keeper of Records and Seals, reported that all money was accounted for and the receipts for the last two years had been $8,272.62 and expenditures had been $13,203.39. He pointed out that it was very important that the Supreme Lodge receipts must be made to increase.

Edward Green, of Chicago, chairman of the Pythian Temple committee, told how the funds from the rental of that building had been expended and the wisdom of the Supreme Lodge in purchasing the property at Chicago and Hot Springs, Ark. Green is the only Negro member of the Illinois Legislature.

John H. Young, of Pine Bluff, Ark., Supreme Master of Exchequer, gave an itemized account of every dollar handled by him. It was received with honorable mention. Supreme Attorney S. A. T. Watkins, of Chicago, gave an account of all legal transactions instituted by him.

Praises Uniform Rank.

The report of James M. Hazlewood, chairman of the finance committee, showed that financial affairs of the order are in a good shape.

One of the features of the morning session was the compliment paid the Supreme Chancellor's executive secretary, Jacob A. Brown, who installed the present system of bookkeeping by the order.

The report that was given much attention was that of Maj. Gen. R. R. Jackson, of Chicago. He said the military department is a great asset to the order in increasing its membership and in affording an opportunity to become informed on military affairs. His report was received amid cheers.

The day's session of the Supreme Court of Calanthe was called to order by Joseph L. Jones, Cincinnati, O. Reports of all the supreme officers were read. A membership of 52,000 women was reported and many addresses were made. There was much discussion of the Pythian Temple building at Chicago and the Pythian Sanitarium at Hot Springs, Ark. From all indications the election of officers of the court will take place this afternoon after the parade. The vice chancellor elected by the Supreme Lodge will be the counselor of the Court of Calanthe.

In the band contests were the Eighth Regiment, Chicago; Hamilton's Band, Lexington, Ky., and Pittsburgh Band, Pittsburgh, Pa. Each band gave a highly creditable program.

The music drill by companies of the First Regiment of Chicago, under the command of General Jackson, attracted attention. Daily practice was a part of the routine outlined by the head of the military department.

CALANTHE COURT HEARS SPEECHES BY MEMBERS OF SUPREME LODGE

In opening the third day's session of the Supreme Court of Calanthe, General Joseph L. Jones advocated race pride, race love and the education of the Negro youth. He declared that it was through the home that such lessons were to be taught, and the women occupied an important place in the development of the race.

"To witness our wives and daughters and mothers going up to our lodges," said Jones, "initiated into our ancient mysteries and imbued with the spirit of our mission, is a spectacle which Pythians contemplate with mingled interest and admiration. There are two shrines at which civilized man worships—God and woman. The greatest minds, the purest hearts, have sung the praises of woman, but the world has never placed a proper estimate upon her worth to man and society. Fair in her virtue, resistless in her power, polished in her manners, affectionate in her disposition, she at once entwines herself around our souls and sheds the all-animating and transforming fragrance of her noble nature into every phase of man's life and work.

"Man represents the understanding of the universe, woman the will; man the mind, woman the soul. It was a woman who walked through the streets of Alexandria with hair hanging in tangled locks upon her shoulders, her bosom heaving with the emotion of the hidden fire of patriotism, bearing a flaming torch in one hand and a vessel of water in the other, exclaiming: 'I will burn the heavens with this torch and extinguish the fires of hell with this water, that man may love his God.'"

Supreme Inspectrix Reports.

"It is a great honor for any man to preside over such a body of women and the work you are doing now is helping to make the race what it should be."

The session was devoted largely to hearing reports from Supreme Court officers. Mrs. Jessie D. Robinson, of St. Louis, Supreme Worthy Inspectrix, the highest office held by a woman under the constitution of the order, the presiding officer being a man, delivered an address. During the last two years she had visited several grand courts, but the work which brought forth an enthusiastic ovation was the establishment of a grand court in New York State. She could see a great future in store for her people in all parts of the country.

"When women get together," she said, "they mean something for the people they represent. She fills an important place in this world, and Christ exalted her by assuming her nature as a tabernacle of his divinity, and a temple of the Holy Ghost."

The report of the Supreme Register of Deeds, Mrs. [illegible] A. Clark, followed. "It is indeed a pleasure to review the past and to be able to say to you after having served under five different Supreme Worthy Counselors, none of them thus far has brought to you any word [illegible] to offer," said she. "My relations with the grand and subordinate courts, with few exceptions, have been those of fidelity, harmony and love. The steady growth of the order is simply wonderful."

Praise for Counselor.

"Our present Supreme Worthy Counselor [illegible] amount of business to be handled, back claims to be paid, and much work of all kinds belonging to his office to be settled.

"It is wonderful how he has handled the work so well and so quickly. [illegible] perfectly adapted to the office of Supreme Worthy Counselor and his long, pleasant dealings with the people have won their admiration and respect. From every quarter comes the request for his re-election.

"We have a membership at present of 52,000.

"Under the present administration eighteen courts have been organized and one grand court, South Carolina, under Colonel E. M. Cohen, who has also proved himself to be a faithful worker. Total disbursed by Mrs. A. D. Key, $1,261.75. Balance in hands of Mrs. A. D. Key, $1,338.01."

Mrs. A. E. Leverette, of Cincinnati, Supreme Lecturer, was the next to report [illegible] courts as well as subordinate courts, giving clear information on the condition of the order, its work and the like.

DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25

Discusses Woman's Work.

"We rejoice to know that we have noble women of our race who followed the examples set by grand women of the other races to lift up womanhood," she said. "Take Harriet Tubman, the founder of the Tubman Home; Phillis Wheatley, the American poet; Edmonia Lewis, the great sculptor; Sojourner Truth, who was wonderfully inspired by God to point out to the despondent race the silver lining and establish confidence in God; Ida B. Wells, whose voice has been heard throughout England and the United States, pleading, as only she can plead, that justice and fair treatment be given her long suffering and unhappy people; and our own beloved evangelist, Amanda Smith, whose untiring efforts have brought hundreds to the feet of Christ and have also established a home for friendless girls."

Perhaps the most important report made was that of the Supreme Medical Director, Dr. A. N. Prince, of Sherman, Texas. This touched the health condition of the race, especially those applying for membership. The report covered two years' work. He took up the sanitary condition of homes, urging the importance of proper ventilation, and that a crusade be made at all times against the fly, which, he declared, had much to do with spreading disease.

Tuberculosis Discussed.

"The onward march of science and research are bringing to our knowledge many facts heretofore hidden," he said. "The one which, no doubt, affects this department of the order of Calanthe is that of tuberculosis. For centuries it was the opinion that this much dreaded disease was hereditary only, but it has been clearly demonstrated that it is an infectious disease and its rapid spread is due to the tuberculin germ. Not only in this institution, but I find in many others that more die from tuberculosis than any other one trouble. The old saying, 'That an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,' should be the motto of every court under the supreme jurisdiction.

"We find that many of the States are providing tubercular sanatoriums. First, for the protection of those unaffected; second to provide better accommodation and treatment for those who are affected. Many of the railroads have adopted the individual drinking cup, and many cities are removing the public cup from fountains and resorts. This system has also reached many of the public schools, and the churches are falling in line by removing the public communion cups. This is done to prevent the spread of disease."

Dr. Prince then reported in detail the work done in each State in the Union. He said that 2,021 certificates had been examined, and of the number 1,772 were passed and 229 rejected.

The Supreme Court received a committee from the Supreme Lodge bearing greetings. The committee consisted of L. M. Mitchell, Texas, chairman; E. G. Tidrington, Indiana, and J. L. Derrick, California. Mr. Mitchell delivered the address.

The morning session was spent in hearing the reading of resolutions by states and there were many of them offered.

Dr. E. E. Underwood, of Frankfort, Ky., made a short address. Dr. Underwood is one of the most noted men of his State. The Rev. N. W. Wallace, of Meridian, Miss., followed him with an address.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF U. B OF F. OF TEXAS.

United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Texas Annual report for year ending August 31, 1911. The following are the receipts:

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Balance from last year		$20,771.69
For widows and orphans	$52,347.75	
For per capita taxes	6,887.93	
For home and business fund	3,400.10	
For rent of office building	2,600.00	
For reserve	957.00	
For the sale of supplies	689.28	
For interest on deposits	489.55	
For the change of policies	87.50	
Total receipts for the year		67,459.11
Total amount available for the year		$86,230.70
Total assets above all liabilities		$53,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
F. W. GROSS, Grand Sec.,
Houston, Texas.

The great golden jubilee of the U. B. F. and S. M. T. lodges in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the Order was celebrated in Louisville last week in the new $20,000 hall recently erected. This occasion will long be remembered by all who witnessed the affair. From start to the close it was a grand affair. Distinguished men of the Order from all parts of the United States were present; many sent special delivery letters and telegrams of greeting. The founder, Marshall W. Taylor, was eulogized by many of the speakers of the Order. He organized the Order in Louisville, August 1, 1861. Today it stands out as one of the greatest Negro fraternal organizations in the United States. Dr. J. A. Lester, of Nashville, Tenn., delivered a very eloquent welcome address on behalf of the U. B. F. lodges throughout the state. Mr. C. H. Tandy, one of the oldest members of the Order, delivered an address that will be remembered by his hearers for some time. Mr. Tandy is very active and believes that a man should speak out his own opinion, regardless of who it hurts. He demonstrated this in one of his characteristic addresses Thursday evening when called upon to speak at the formal reception given in honor of all the visiting supreme officers. Among other prominent men that were present that we might mention were: National Grand Secretary M. R. Perry, of Pine Bluff, Ark.; Senior Knight Commander J. H. Hammond, of Little Rock, Ark.; National Grand Master W. A. Gaines, of Covington, Ky.; Rev. C. H. Parrish and several other prominent men from Louisville took active parts on the program. Thursday was gala day. The new U. B. F. building is a very handsome structure and contains all modern improvements and has a very large summer garden that is being used for picnic purposes.

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True Reformers Encouraged

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Richmond, Va., May 9.—Throughout the country where there is a true reformer there is great rejoicing because of the ban being lifted by the Insurance Commissioner of Virginia and allowing the organization to do business as before.

Grand Worthy Master A. W. Holmes and the members of the board of directors are determined to reveal the unbusinesslike methods of the officials of the old regime. Mr. Holmes says: "I am determined to purge the order of all uncleanliness and will not cease until the people will be given the true status of affairs and their every interest protected. New members can now be taken in and a dispensation of $3.00 has been granted. The office force has struggled valiantly to save the organization and have raised over $1,200 on account of the redemption fund."

U. B. F. OF TEXAS.

12-15-11

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

HAMILTON, TEX., Dec. 12.—The Board of Directors of the United Brothers of Friendship of Texas met in this city last week. The members of the Board are: President, W. P. Bledsoe, Marshall; Grand Secretary, F. W. Gross, Houston; Treasurer, Joseph Nichols, Houston. Secretary F. W. Gross made the following report of receipts for the three months ending November 30: For widows and orphans, $23,180.00; per capita taxes, $1,590.10; rent on office building, $705.00; sale of supplies, $180.91; interest on deposits, $67.60; reserve, $118.50; home and business fund, $83.23; change of policies, $12.25; total receipts for three months, $26,037.69. After transacting some routine business the board set aside $20,000 to cover death claims for the quarter.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Committee on Nomination made the following report, which was adopted:

R. W. G. Chief—J. W. Martin.

R. W. G. Vice-Chief—Rev. H. M Henderson.

R. W. G. Financial Secretary—Mrs. Belle Christian.

R. W. G. Recording Secretary—Rev. D. J. Jones.

R. W. G. Treasurer—Mrs. Fannie E. Dammalls.

R. W. G. Chaplain—Rev. Thomas Harris.

R. W. G. Senior Conductor—Bro T. V. Williams.

R. W. G. Junior Conductress—Miss Mamie Spencer.

R. W. G. Noble Father—Rev. E. B. Gillam.

R. W. G. K. of W.—Brother Frank Orange.

R. W. G. Inside Sentinel—Brother J. T. Bolling.

R. W. G. Outside Sentinel—Bro J. R. Jones.

Right and Left Supporters to R. W. G. Chief—Sisters Etta Funn and Oscie Smith.

Right and Left Supporters to R. W. G. Vice-Chief—Sisters Mary J. Henderson and Rosa B. Brooks.

Past R. W G. Chief—Brother C. W. Simms.

Board of Directors—Brothers J. W. Martin, B. J. Franklin; Sisters Belle Christian, Vera Bolling, M. E. Holmes, R. D. Bowser, Atheline Hill, Lizzie Smith, Fannie Dammalls and Brother W. H. Grey.

The officers were duly elected and installed into their respective positions.

The forty-eighth annual session will be held in Richmond, Va., Aug 1912

GOOD SHEPHERDS MEET TODAY.

Mont. Adv. 7-18-11

Grand Lodge of Negro Organization In Session Here.

The work of the several boards has been completed and matters are in shape for the opening of the grand lodge meeting of the United Order of Good Shepherds (colored), here today. The boards report affairs of the order in good shape and commend the officers.

Supreme President C. W. Chandler showed in his report that since the first annual session of the lodge forty-nine organizations have been established and that $6,887.61 has been raised and paid out to policy holders.

The sessions of the grand lodge will be held at the State Normal School

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MARYLAND PYTHIANS' SESSION

Hold Twenty-Second Annual Session of Grand Lodge at Frederick—George A. Watty Re-Elected Grand Chancellor—To Hold Next Session at St. Nicholas.

8-3-11

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

Frederick, Md., August 1.—At the twenty-second annual session of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of Maryland, held in this city last week, the election of officers resulted as follows: George A. Wathy, grand chancellor; George W. F. McMechen, grand vice-chancellor; Josiah Diggs, grand keeper of records and seals; H. M. St. Clair, Cambridge, Md., G. M. of exchequer; J. Edward Smith, Baltimore, grand master at arms; Thaddeus Copeland, Baltimore, grand prelate; J. Philip Henson, Chestertown, grand lecturer; W. C. McCard, Baltimore, grand attorney; Dr. Charles H. Fowler, Baltimore, grand medical examiner; William Cooper, Cumberland, grand inner guard; William Camphor, Easton, grand outer guard; John Green, Baltimore, grand marshal; William Layton, Baltimore, grand chief deputy; James Johnson, Port Deposit; John Matthews, Cambridge, and John Downs of Baltimore, grand trustees; Albert G. Washington, Cumberland, Brig. Gen. George H. Carter, Baltimore, supreme representatives; Truly Hatchett, Baltimore, past grand chancellor. The Grand Lodge adjourned to hold its next session in St. Michaels.

Grand Chancellor George A. Wathy submitted an able report, which showed the remarkable development in the order during the past year. Grand keeper of Records and Seals J. Diggs showed that the order had a total membership of 2446 in the state. Its present total worth is $30,705.17. He also showed that the Grand Lodge had funds in hand to the extent of $1,324.04. The report of Grand Medical Examiner Dr. Charles H. Fowler dwelt chiefly on tuberculosis and how to prevent it.

TO REHABILITATE FISHERMEN.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE:

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 22.—Efforts for the rehabilitation of the Grand United Order of Galilean Fishermen are being made by prominent members of the order. Looking to that end, the order has recently been reincorporated. The trustees for the first year are: Columbus Gordon, national grand ruler; Joseph P. Evans, former grand treasurer; Mrs. Annie G. Heath, grand secretary; John F. Hill, Columbus, O.; A. W. E. Bassette, Hampton, Va.; Charles E. Homes, George W. Marshall, M. L. Fairfax, W. H. Gaskins, George M. Mead and John H. Johnson

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Christian Recorder 12-14-11

The colored Odd Fellows have paid $36,000 for a three story brick building in New Orleans.

TO MEET IN THIS CITY.

Grand Lodge of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor of Indiana to Convene Here.

The Grand Temple and Tabernacle of Knights and Daughters of Tabor of Indiana will convene in this city in its twelfth annual grand session, July 4, 5, 6 and 7. The session will be held at the courthouse, and Dr. S. S. Dupee, C. G. M., of Evansville, and Mrs. Emma L. Person, G. H. [illegible], of Indianapolis, Ind., are the presiding officers. The State Grand Secretaries are W. F. Anderson, of Lafayette, and Mrs. Anna Witt, of Evansville, Ind.

On Wednesday evening, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, corner California and North streets, Mayor Shank will deliver the welcome address in behalf of the citizens of Indianapolis. He will be responded to by Sir R. J. Person, P. C. G. S. After this a duet will be rendered by Mesdames Jones and Parker, followed by the annual sermon by Rev. William Greene, of Connersville, Ind. The reception in honor of the grand officers and delegates will be given Thursday evening, at the Dumas Club, 428 North Senate avenue. A trolley ride is planned and the grand officers will be the guests, and it is promised to be one of the most striking features of entertainment during the session. A public installation of the grand officers elected for the ensuing Taborian term will take place on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

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KNIGHTS OF TABOR MEET IN INDIANAPOLIS

Dr. Stradford S. Dupee, of Evansville, Ind., Chief Grand Mentor.

When the word came to this city that the big chieftain from the Pocket City, Dr. S. S. Dupee, would be in Indianapolis Sunday, June 25, there was an immediate stir in the Arcanum circles, which represents the executive department of the fraternity, and a special meeting of the body set for 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Bertha Dorsey, of Blake street, who is the beloved H. P. of the Pride of North Tabernacle. A visit from Dr. Dupee to Indianapolis is always looked upon with much pleasure and interest by no few people. He is a typical Kentuckian, with the Jack Johnson smile, and easy to get acquainted with. For three years he has been the chief grand mentor of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, an institution that was founded by Moses Dickson, and from the present outlook he will be elected by acclamation at the session that will be held here July 4, 5, 6 and 7. He is brainy, being a product of Fisk and Howard Universities. In the short time that he has practiced medicine in Evansville he has saved his money and built a modern home that easily outclasses any of the others owned by colored people. The doctor was met at the station by the handsome Miss Mae Jens, who entertained him at dinner. The Arcanum adjourned with the following results:

The thirteenth annual grand session will be entertained at Indianapolis July 4, 5, 6 and 7, at the courthouse. Public receptions will be held at the Dumas Club, Thursday and Friday nights. The welcome address and the annual sermon will be observed at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wednesday night, July 5. There will be no session of the body in the afternoon and evening of July 4, on account of the parade and exercises occasioned by the presence in the city that day of President Taft. Mayor Shank will deliver the welcome address and the response will be made by R. J. Person, P. C. G. S. Prof. H. A. Rouse, master of ceremonies. Closing remarks by Dr. Dupee, C. G. M.

Freeman

ITEMS OF RACE INTEREST

Freeman 6-24-11

The United Brothers of Friendship and the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, at Lexington Ky., are enlarging their hall by an addition which will cost $30,000